



# Bulletin board

## At the movies March 29 to April 14

### Baumholder, Wagon Wheel

**March 29-30** — In Good Company (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**March 31** — Assault On Precinct 13 (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 1** — Assault On Precinct 13 (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 2** — Man Of The House (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 3** — Shark Tale (PG) 4 p.m. Man Of The House (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 7** — Hide And Seek (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 8** — The Pacifier (PG) 7 p.m.  
**April 9** — Alone In The Dark (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 10** — The Pacifier (PG) 4 p.m. Alone In The Dark (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 14** — The Wedding Date (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Büdingen, Little

**April 1** — Elektra (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 2** — Racing Stripes (PG) 3 p.m.  
**April 8** — Assault On Precinct 13 (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 9** — Coach Carter (PG-13) 3 p.m.

### Dexheim, Rhein

**April 1** — Alone In The Dark (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 2** — The Pacifier (PG) 7 p.m.  
**April 3** — Hide And Seek (R) 3 p.m.  
**April 8** — The Wedding Date (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 9** — Robots (PG) 7 p.m.  
**April 10** — Phantom Of The Opera (PG-13) 3 p.m.

### Friedberg, Old Ironsides

**March 31** — Assault On Precinct 13 (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 1-2** — Pooh's Heffalump Movie (G) 7 p.m.  
**April 3** — Hide And Seek (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 7** — Alone In The Dark (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 8-9** — Hitch (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 10** — The Wedding Date (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 14** — Phantom Of The Opera (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Giessen, Skyline

**March 29-30** — Hide And Seek (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 1** — Elektra (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 2** — White Noise (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 3** — Assault On Precinct 13 (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 5-6** — Pooh's Heffalump Movie (G) 7 p.m.  
**April 8** — In Good Company (PG-13) 7 p.m.



Regina King (left) and Sandra Bullock watch the action in "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed And Fabulous."



Christian Slater and Tara Reid battle the baddies in "Alone In The Dark."

**April 9** — Pooh's Heffalump Movie (G) 2 p.m. Alone In The Dark (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 10** — Assault On Precinct 13 (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 12-13** — Hitch (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Hanau, Evening Star

**March 29** — In Good Company (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**March 30** — Coach Carter (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**March 31** — Assault On Precinct 13 (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 1** — The Ring 2 (PG-13) 7 p.m. Alone In The Dark (R) 9:30 p.m.  
**April 2** — The Ring 2 (PG-13) 7 p.m. Hide And Seek (R) 9:30 p.m.  
**April 3** — The Ring 2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 4** — Alone In The Dark (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 5** — Hide And Seek (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 6** — Alone In The Dark (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 7** — Hide And Seek (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 8** — Miss Congeniality 2: Armed And Fabulous (PG-13) 7 p.m. The Wedding Date (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.  
**April 9** — Miss Congeniality 2: Armed And Fabulous (PG-13) 7 p.m. Phantom Of The Opera (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.  
**April 10** — Miss Congeniality 2: Armed And Fabulous (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 11** — Phantom Of The Opera (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 12** — The Wedding Date (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 13** — Phantom Of The Opera (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 14** — The Wedding Date (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Rhein Main, Gardens

**March 30** — Robots (PG) 7 p.m.  
**April 1** — Hide And Seek (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 2** — Man Of The House (PG-13) 5 p.m. White Noise (PG-13) 7:30 p.m.  
**April 3** — Alone In The Dark (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 6** — The Ring 2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 8** — Assault On Precinct 13 (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 9** — The Wedding Date (PG-13) 5 p.m. The Pacifier (PG) 7:30 p.m.  
**April 10** — Phantom Of The Opera (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 13** — Miss Congeniality 2: Armed And Fabulous (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Wackernheim, McCully

**April 6** — The Pacifier (PG) 7 p.m.  
**April 13** — Robots (PG) 7 p.m.

### Wiesbaden, Flyers

**March 31** — Coach Carter (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 1** — Alone In The Dark (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 2** — Robots (PG) 7 p.m.  
**April 7** — The Wedding Date (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 8** — The Ring 2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 9** — Hide And Seek (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 14** — Phantom Of The Opera (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Wiesbaden, Taunus

**March 29** — Assault On Precinct 13 (R) 7 p.m.  
**March 30** — Coach Carter (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**March 31** — Robots (PG) 7 p.m.  
**April 1** — Robots (PG) 7 p.m. Hide And Seek (R) 9:30 p.m.  
**April 2** — Robots (PG) 4 p.m. In Good Company (PG-13) 7 p.m. Alone In The Dark (R) 9:30 p.m.  
**April 3** — Robots (PG) 4 p.m. Hide And Seek (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 4** — Coach Carter (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 5** — Alone In The Dark (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 6** — Hide And Seek (R) 7 p.m.  
**April 7** — The Ring 2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 8** — The Wedding Date (PG-13) 7 p.m. Phantom Of The Opera (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.  
**April 9** — Racing Stripes (PG) 4 p.m. The Wedding Date (PG-13) 7 p.m. The Ring 2 (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.  
**April 10** — Racing Stripes (PG) 4 p.m. The Ring 2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 11** — The Ring 2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 12** — Phantom Of The Opera (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 13** — The Wedding Date (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**April 14** — Miss Congeniality 2: Armed And Fabulous (PG-13) 7 p.m.

**Movies and times subject to change by local theaters. For the most up-to-date schedule visit the ASG's website (see address below).**

## Movie plots

**Miss Congeniality 2: Armed And Fabulous (PG-13)** — FBI agent Gracie Hart (Sandra Bullock) is back undercover — this time trying to save her friends from the beauty pageant who have been kidnapped in Las Vegas. Also stars Regina King and William Shatner.

**The Ring 2 (PG-13)** — Rachel Keller (Naomi Watts) and son Aidan (David Dorfman) have relocated to the town of Asheville where Rachel has found a new job at the local newspaper, working alongside reporter Max Rourke (Simon Baker). The discovery of a local teenage homicide while scanning the electronic Asheville Police archives prompts Rachel to uncover the truth.

**Alone In The Dark (R)** — Edward Carnby (Christian Slater), detective of the supernatural, investigates a mystery that brings him face to face with bizarre horrors that prove both psychologically disturbing and lethal. Also stars Tara Reid and Stephen Dorff.

**The Wedding Date (PG-13)** — Debra Messing stars as Kat Ellis, a woman who returns to her parents' London home for her sister's wedding and has to confront her ex-fiance, who dumped her two years before. In a desperate attempt to face the ordeal with dignity, Kat hires a male escort (Dermot Mulroney) to pose as her new boyfriend.

**Hide And Seek (R)** — Ann (Daryl Hannah) and Jack (Bruce Greenwood) are a happily married couple; however, their story book life is abruptly rewritten when a deranged couple (Jennifer Tilly and Vincent Gallo) who are unable to have children kidnaps Ann as part of an evil scheme to steal her unborn child.

**In Good Company (PG-13)** — Dan Foreman (Dennis Quaid) is demoted from head of magazine ad sales when his company is acquired in a corporate takeover. His new boss, Tom (Topher Grace), is half his age. Both men are going through turmoil at home and the situation only gets more complicated when Tom falls for Dan's daughter (Scarlett Johansson).

**Man Of The House (PG-13)** — Jack Sturges (Chevy Chase) has found the woman (Farrah Fawcett) he wants to marry; unfortunately, her precocious, wise-cracking son (Jonathan Taylor Thomas) doesn't seem to like him. Young Ben Archer, whose biological father left at an early age, won't accept her mother's boyfriends until he puts them through a grueling psychological obstacle course to earn his respect.

**White Noise (PG-13)** — Listen carefully, believers will tell you, and amidst the white noise of a detuned radio you might hear voices and amidst the white noise of a detuned television you might see faces. These, they'll tell you, are the voices and faces of the dead. Stars Michael Keaton and Deborah Unger.





## Spring break events



**221st BSB**  
Wiesbaden • Mainz  
Dexheim  
Wackernheim

### Ski trip

Visit the Feldberg in the Black Forest on April 16 for a blissfully good time. Departure time is 5 a.m. and return time is 10:30 p.m. the same day. Call mil 337-5760 for details.

### Spain trip

If you are looking to get away during spring break, look no further. Wiesbaden Outdoor Recreation wants to whisk you away to Spain April 10-14. Departure time is 8 a.m. Call mil 337-5760 for details.

### Youth Services trips

Make sure to check out all of the trips that Youth Services has to offer from April 8-17. There's a large variety to choose from including the Stuttgart Zoo, CentrO Mall, Imaxx 2, Aqua-Toll Wave Pool, Fishing in Limburg and Six Flags in Belgium. These special trips are available for Youth Services members in grades six through 12. Parents must sign a permission slip before departure. There will also be a barbecue on April 14 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Youth Center. Call civ (0611) 380 7691.



**222nd BSB**  
Baumholder  
Idar-Oberstein  
Neubrück

### Ropes course and camping in Bitburg

Come out for outdoor fun from April 13-14, for grades six to 12. Cost is \$85, including transportation, ropes course, caving, rappelling, camping at a German campground and meals. Call civ (06783) 6-7276 for details.

### Trip to Vogelweh BX

Break open the piggy bank; it's time to go shopping. The only thing you will pay for on April 15 from 5-11 p.m. is your meals and shopping expenses because transportation is free. You must be in grades nine to 12 to participate. Call civ (06783) 6-7276 for details.

### Cookout at Teen Cafe

Bring an appetite to this free feast on April 16 from 5-9 p.m. You must be in grades 9-12 to participate. Call civ (06783) 6-7276 for details.

### Tulip gardens trip

Visit the Keukenhof Gardens in Holland for \$85 per seat on April 16. Children rates are available. Call civ (06783) 6-7182 or mil 485-7182 for details.



**284th BSB**  
Giessen • Friedberg  
Bad Nauheim  
Butzbach • Wetzlar

### School-Age Services

Hop into spring at Butzbach's SAS April 11-15. A shuttle bus will be available between Giessen SAS, Friedberg Housing, Bad Nauheim and Butzbach SAS. Cost is based on total family income. Hourly care is available, but you must be registered with Child and Youth Services. Call (0641) 402-8216 or mil 343-7028 for details.

### YS baseball clinic

Get swinging from April 12-15 at the Spring Break Baseball Clinic for ages 5-15. There will be two sessions from 3-5 p.m. Register by March 31. Cost is \$5 per child. Participants must bring their own glove. Call civ (0641) 402-8216 for details.

### Paris express

Find your true love on April 8 while touring Paris. Cost is \$70, including round-trip transportation. Visit the Eiffel Tower, Louvre Museum, Notre Dame Cathedral, Fragonard Perfume factory, Arc de Triomphe, Concord Square and more. Call civ (06031) 81-3158 or mil 324-3158 for details.



**414th BSB**  
Hanau  
Gelnhausen  
Büdingen

### Spain Trip

Practice your Spanish April 8-16 in Spain. Programs, entertainment and optional sightseeing tour available at the hotel. Cost is \$399 per adult, \$289 per child (4-13), \$99 per child (3 and under). Price includes transportation by bus, six overnights in a four-star hotel including meals. The hotel is located about 50 meters from the beach. Call civ (06181) 88-8891 or mil 322-8891 for details.

### Tulip Gardens, Amsterdam

Venture out April 9-10 for \$149 per adult. Children rates are available. Price includes transportation, trip to see the flower parade, entrance fees to Keukenhof Tulip Gardens, one overnight in four-star hotel with breakfast. Call civ (06181)-88-8891 for details.

### Phantasialand

Ride the rides and see the sights on April 16 for \$59 per adult. Children rates are available. Price includes round-trip transportation and entrance to the park. Call civ (06181) 88-8891 or mil 322-8891 for details.

## Non-Appropriated Funds employment listings

An exception to the dual pay and employment provision has been approved for NAF employees appointed to the following positions:

Child and Youth Services program assistant, food and beverage attendant, food service worker, recreation aid, recreation assistant, clerk, sales clerk, hotel desk clerk, bar assistant, bartender, food ser-

vice worker, custodial worker and waiter. The exception permits full-or part-time GS, WG, DoDDS, NAF or AAFES employees to have a second NAF job on a flexible employment basis.

### Civilian Human Resource Agency

[www.chra.eur.army.mil](http://www.chra.eur.army.mil)

### 104ASG NAF Contracting Office



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### Baumholder

Ausweiler Strasse 1  
civ (06783) 6-6566 or mil 485-6566

### Giessen

U.S. Depot • Building 7 •

Second Floor, civ (0641) 402-8618 or mil 343-8618

### Army Civilian Personnel Online

[www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil)

### Hanau

Yorkhof Kaserne • Building

1204 • Room 104; civ (06181) 88-1630 or mil 322-1630

### Rhein Main Air Base

Rhein Main Air Base • Building 350 • mil 330-6066/7620

### Wiesbaden

Wiesbaden Army Airfield • Building 1020 Room 122 • mil 337-5272

## Local job openings

### Child care

There are many immediate program assistant vacancies with Child and Youth Services. Employees receive a 20 percent discount on child care fees, free training and opportunities for advancement.

Or work in the comfort of your home while caring for children as a Family Child Care provider.

### Recreation aids

Friedberg and Giessen Bowling Centers seek recreation aids.

### Child and Youth Program assistants

This position is developmental starting at entry level and advancing with training. Starting pay

ranges from \$8.63-15.37 per hour.

### Custodial workers

Wiesbaden's American Arms Hotel is looking for custodial workers. All positions are regular part-time with great hours and benefits. Pay starts at \$7.56 per hour. Must be able to lift objects weighing anywhere from 20-40 pounds.

### Connection magazine

Are you interested in writing, public relations, graphics or sales? Can you see yourself composing articles, recording commercials, designing flyers or selling advertising space? See what's available at the 104th ASG Marketing Office today.



## Wetzel students 'read for a million'

By Karl Weisel

104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

One million may seem like an insurmountable number to some people, but to students at Wetzel Elementary School it's just another steppingstone on their way to becoming accomplished readers.

"We're trying to get the entire school to read 1 million minutes," said Angela Robinson, a third-grade and Reading Recovery teacher at Wetzel Elementary. "If they accomplish that they get to throw a pie in the face of Ms. (Debra) Brooks (Wetzel's principal) at the end of the school year."

While the pie-throwing incentive is only the icing on the cake, school reading specialists have ulterior motives — to encourage young readers to practice their skills outside of the classroom by reading at home at least 20 minutes each day.

"Research shows by reading at least 20 minutes a day, it will improve the child's reading skills and comprehension," said Robinson. Parents are asked to monitor their children's reading habits, and in the case of younger readers who are having trouble, to read to them.

"The class with the most reading minutes will get to throw the pie in Ms. Brooks' face," said Amy Poole, a reading specialist and Reading Recovery teacher.

Having role models in the home is important to encouraging reading habits, said Poole. "For a kindergartner it's important to spend lots of time with mom and dad reading at home. It's really important that children see the adults in their lives reading."

Even as children get older, having parental interest in what they are reading, discussions about books and even continuing the practice of reading to one another can all help support life-long reading habits, Poole said.

For fourth-grader Torrie Whatley, developing good reading skills may translate into



Photo by Jeffrey Busse

Jaron and Jayden Owens enjoy a reading game with their dad, Sgt. Jamal Owens of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-35th Armor, during Reading Night.

a career in the medical profession someday. "I want to go to college when I get older," Whatley said, "and I want to be a doctor."

"My favorite subject in school is reading because it's fun — there are some really good books," she said.

Third-grader Justin Stewart said he enjoys reading "Star Wars" and "Magic Tree House" books.

His favorite subject — science — "because I like learning about space," Stewart said, adding, "I like Wetzel because my teachers are really nice and it's a nice school."

Third-grader Arianna Gonzalez said she also likes reading and attending Wetzel Elementary School, "because I think it's a good school." She added that learning multiplication was her favorite activity in school at the moment, "because when you go to high

school they'll give you a lot of math homework."

"Every reading program is individualized so that kids can feel success at their own level," said Shannon O'Dell, a third-grade and Reading Recovery teacher. "I have kids reading extra every night. Every day they bring home three or four books to read with their parents. I spoke with one parent who said how confident his child was now about reading. I've got third-graders who are doing individual research — giving themselves homework."

Throughout the year students at Wetzel Elementary School have participated in various events aimed at underscoring the importance of developing good reading habits. A Reading Night Feb. 10 featured guest readers including Lt. Col. James Larsen, 222nd Base Support Battalion commander, reading games

and refreshments. During Buddy Reading students in the upper grades team up with younger students once a week to polish reading skills. Students celebrated children's author Dr. Seuss' birthday with a week of special activities during Read Across America Week March 7-11.

Another highlight of the year was the Battle of the Books March 3. Fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders from Wetzel joined their counterparts from Smith and Neubrücke Elementary Schools to demonstrate their reading comprehension skills through a series of questions and discussions. "It was a chance for the kids to enjoy books together," said Poole, "to discuss them and to mirror what their parents are doing in book clubs. "We have some great kids here who love to read."

"These kids really like coming to school," said O'Dell. "It's a constant in their lives."

"We also get great parental support," she said, adding that Parent Teacher Association fundraisers have helped improve the quality of life at the school including the establishment of a Spirit Store. "I taught at an inner-city school before coming here and parental involvement was not a big thing."

Wetzel students can also look forward to a PTA-sponsored Scholastic Book Fair April 4-8 and a visit by noted children's author Larry Dane Brimner May 11 (he'll also visit Smith on May 10 and Neubrücke May 12). "He will focus on the development of a book — from idea to publication," said Jackye Wilder, Reading Recovery teacher. "He will share his ideas, discuss how they become stories and read aloud from some of his books."

As of March 23 Wetzel students had racked up 345,000 minutes toward their pie-throwing goal, Robinson said. "If they pull together and accumulate 1 million minutes of reading before the last day of school Ms. Brooks' will be the proud owner of a pie in the face." Students have until June 16 ....

### Focus on Wetzel Elementary School



### PTSA leaders sought

Wiesbaden American Middle School seeks members willing to serve as elected Parent Teacher Student Association board or sub-committee members. Elections will be held in the school media center May 11 at 5:30 p.m. Pick up nomination forms at the middle school or Hainerberg Elementary School offices. They must be submitted by May 6. Call Ruth Hale at civ (06134) 284 224 for more information.

### Host families, evaluators needed

Two hundred students from 24 Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe will attend the DoDDS-E Drama Festival in Wiesbaden April 24-27. Host families are needed to provide accommodations, breakfasts and some transportation. Theater-experienced evaluators are also sought to provide feedback and help assess student performances. Call mil 337-6319 or civ (0611) 380-6319.

### School registration April 22

Registration for the 2005/06 school year at Butzbach and Bad Nauheim Elementary Schools and Giessen Middle/High School will be held April 22. All returning students and new students must register to guarantee classroom placement. Bring updated immunization records and a current/updated copy of sponsor's orders. New students

## School bits

must also bring child's passport or birth certificate and academic school records from previous schools (if applicable). Registration will continue through the end of the year for parents unable to attend the April 22 session.

### Spring concert at Butzbach Elementary

Butzbach Elementary School holds a spring concert March 29 at 6:30 p.m. Students in grades kindergarten to six will perform and are asked to report to their classrooms at 6:15 p.m. All families and community members are invited to attend. For more information call civ (06033) 74520.

### Alpha Kappa Alpha scholarships

The Mu Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., offers scholarships to graduating seniors from Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe. Applications must be postmarked by April 8. For more information visit [www.angelfire.com/de3/mupsiomega/akahomepage.html](http://www.angelfire.com/de3/mupsiomega/akahomepage.html) on the Internet.

### National History Day

The Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe

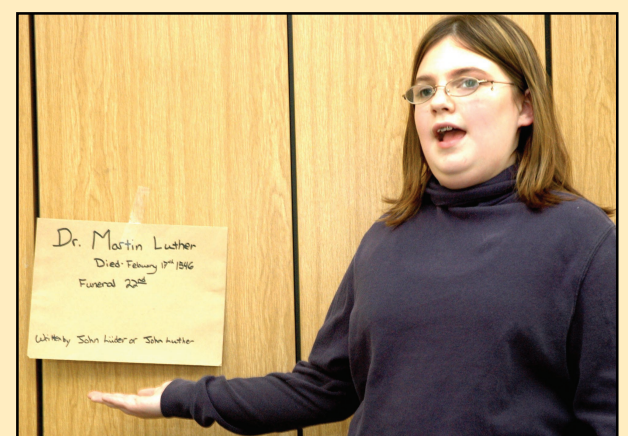


Photo by Gene Knudsen

Wiesbaden sixth-grader Ann Abney will present at the National History Day competition. See below.

host a National History Day competition March 30 at Heidelberg's Patrick Henry Village Pavilion. Middle school and high school students will present their exhibits, and the public is invited to check out the entries and watch performances from noon to 4 p.m. Volunteers are sought to judge the entries. Call Robert Lykins at mil 338-7467 or civ (0611) 380-7467 for details.



# Sports and leisure

## Sports shorts

### Softball tourney

Hanau's Pioneer Sports and Fitness Center holds a Softball Triple Eliminator Tournament April 1-3. Cost is \$225 per team. Sign up deadline is March 30. Call mil 322-8197 for details.

### NFL-E season to open

While the Frankfurt Galaxy will be away battling the Berlin Thunder April 2, the men in purple return home April 9 to face the Amsterdam Admirals at 7 p.m. Other Galaxy home games are April 23 versus Hamburg, April 30 against the Rhein Fire, May 14 Cologne and May 28 Berlin. Call civ (0180) 5266216 for tickets.

### Spring golf clinic

Baumholder's Rolling Hills Golf Course holds a **Spring Golf Clinic** every Saturday in April from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$160 for all five sessions. A **Spring Open** with a shotgun start will be held April 24 starting at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Sign up by April 20. Call mil 485-6156 for more information.

### Civilian Fitness Program

Civilians interested in getting in shape during duty hours should consider enrolling in the Civilian Fitness Program. The one-time enrollment opportunity offers civilian employees to be excused from work for three one-hour sessions a week for six months. Open enrollment will be held in **Baumholder** March 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hall of Champions.

### Family Fitness Run/Walk

Hanau's Pioneer Fitness Center holds a Family Fitness 10-Kilometer Run/Five-K Walk April 9 starting at 10 a.m. Registration is at 9 a.m. Call mil 322-8197 for details.

### Spring Break Run

Baumholder's Hall of Champions features a Spring Break Five-Kilometer Run April 9 starting at 10 a.m. Cost is \$12. Register from 8-9:30 a.m. Call mil 485-7176 for details.

### Friedberg softball tourneys

Friedberg Fitness Center holds a **One-Pitch Softball Tournament** April 9-10 and a **Pre-Season Unit Level Softball Tournament** April 19-22. Call mil 324-3155 for details.

### Schiffenberg Castle Run

Giessen's Miller Hall Fitness Center features a Five-Kilometer Run/Three-K Walk at the Schiffenberg Castle April 30. The walk is free. Runners pay \$15 including a T-shirt, or \$10 without. Call mil 343-7201.

### Butzbach aerobics

The Butzbach Satellite Fitness Center holds step interval and stretch classes from 7-8 p.m. on Tuesdays and aerobic kickboxing from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. Both are free. Call civ (06033) 92-5329.

By Donald Seltzer  
Special to the Herald Union

### Volksmarching notes

Spring is here, the weather is quickly improving and the choice of events is growing. Full listings of volksmarch events in the 104th Area Support Group may be found on the web at [104thasg.hanau.army.mil](http://104thasg.hanau.army.mil). Readers are asked, whenever possible, to pick up an extra set of event brochures for this column and mail them via MPS to: 104th ASG, Herald Union Volksmarch, Unit 20193 Box 0001, APO AE 09165-0001.



### Wednesday, March 30

**St. Julian-Gumbweiler** — Reading this in Baumholder? Then relax with a midweek volksmarch with this event's late starting times, variety of trails and just-down-the-road location. Follow an unnumbered road along the border of the training area to reach B-420, then briefly head east to the start at Gumbweiler.

**Start:** Dorfgemeinschaftshaus **Wednesday:** 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Hilly, woods **Award:** From previous events.

### Weekend of April 2-3

**Hahnstätten** — A wide variety of trails, including the club's first two-day walk, are offered at this event directly south of Limburg. Use Autobahn 3 toward Limburg. Take the Bad Camberg exit and follow an unnumbered road through Beuerbach, Ohren, Kirberg and Kaltenholzhausen to reach Hahnstätten.

**Start:** Bürgerhaus **Saturday:** 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (6 and 10 km), 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. (20 km), 6:30-9 a.m. (42 km) and 6:30-8 a.m. (50 km) **Sunday:** 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (6, 10 and 20 km) and 6-10 a.m. (30 km) **Trail:** Fairly hilly, woods **Award:** Model truck (shorter trails) or patch and certificate (marathon trails).

**Rheinböllen** — The Hunsrück region is one of Germany's prettiest. Wanderers will find the *Tor zum Hunsrück*, or gateway to the region, at Rheinböllen. Take Autobahns 60 and 61 past Bingen and toward Koblenz. Exit at Rheinböllen and follow an unnum-

## Take a hike

bered road a short distance into town.

**Start:** Kulturhaus **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) **Trail:** Hilly trails, woods and some fields **Award:** From previous events.

### Wednesday, April 6

**Mainz-Gonsenheim** — This midweek event's late start times will permit Wiesbaden's readers to enjoy the local scenery after a day of work. Take the Mainz-Gonsenheim exit on either Autobahn 60 or 643 and follow IVV directional signs to the start.

**Start:** Karl-Geib-Haus at Kapellenstraße 44 **Friday:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (5 km) and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (10 km) **Trail:** Fairly flat, stroller-friendly; woods and fields **Award:** From previous events.

### Weekend of April 9-10

**Gau-Odernheim** — This walk is south of Mainz. Visitors may wish to explore the Petersberg castle ruins and the town of Bechtolsheim — both are just north of Gau-Odernheim. Use Autobahns 60 and 63 to Mainz and Alzey. Take the Biebelnheim exit to pick up an unnumbered road that leads to the start.

**Start:** Petersberghalle **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Somewhat hilly, fields **Award:** From previous events.

**Hahnenbach-Rudolfshaus** — You'll find Hahnenbach northeast of Idar-Oberstein and due west of Bad Kreuznach. From Idar-Oberstein take B-41 in the direction of Bad Kreuznach to connect with unnumbered roads to Kirn and then to Hahnenbach. From points east head to Bad Kreuznach and connect with B-41 to Kirn, then an unnumbered road to Hahnenbach.

**Start:** Birkenmühlehalle in Rudolfshaus bei Hahnenbach **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Hilly, woods **Award:** None.

### Weekend of April 16-17

**Sprendlingen** — Look for this event south of Bingen. From Wiesbaden, Mainz and points east use Autobahns 60 to Bingen and 61 south toward

Ludwigshafen. Exit at Gau-Bickelheim and follow IVV signs to the start.

**Start:** Sport- und Kulturhalle **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Hilly, woods **Award:** From previous events.

**Wiesbaden-Kohlheck** — The Polizeisportverein Grün-Weiss Wiesbaden plays host to this walking and swimming event on the Polizei Kaserne. The visit is always interesting for children, and Americans are welcomed. Of special interest is the Police School's Open House on Saturday. Use Autobahns 3 and 66 to reach Wiesbaden's Schiersteiner Kreuz. Take A-643/Schiersteiner Straße to the 2. Ring, turn left on Dotzheimer Straße and cross the railroad tracks. Turn right on Schönberg Straße and follow on to the suburb of Kohlheck and the police school.

**Start:** Hessische Polizeischule **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (6 and 10 km), 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (swim) **Trail:** Somewhat hilly, neighborhoods and woods **Award:** Small trophy (walk) or certificate (swim).

### Weekend of April 23-24

**Netphen-Deuz** — This event is east of Siegen and within reach of Giessen's wanderers. From Giessen use Autobahn A-45 toward Siegen and exit at Wilnsdorf. Follow IVV signs on unnumbered roads to reach Deuz.

**Start:** AWO-Behindertenwerkstatt **Saturday:** 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 11 km), 6:30 a.m. to noon (20 km), 6:30-10 a.m. (32 km) and 6:30-8:30 a.m. (42 km) **Sunday:** 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 11 km) and 6:30 a.m. to noon (20 km) **Trail:** Very hilly, woods **Award:** Model truck (shorter trails) or patch and certificate (marathon).

**Obershausen** — This event is west of Giessen and Wetzlar in the pretty Westerwald region. Follow B-49 in the direction of Limburg to the Löhnberg turn off. Head north on an unnumbered road through Niedershausen to the start.

**Start:** Dorfgemeinschaftshaus **Saturday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) **Trail:** Hilly, woods **Award:** Travel coffee mug.



## Things to do ... Things to do ... Things to do

### B2K to visit Wiesbaden

General H.H. Arnold High School and "Smooth Entertainment" have teamed up to bring hip hop group B2K to Wiesbaden to judge a talent show put on by the high school at the Taunus Theater April 7 at 1:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 with all proceeds benefiting the high school. Members of B2K will also be signing autographs at the Hainerberg Shopping Center from 4:30-6 p.m. April 7. The group's CDs and tickets to their upcoming concert in Mainz on April 14 will be on sale. (**AAFES-E Release**)

### Spring Into Art

The 104th Area Support Group hosts a Spring Into Art Contest in April. Deadline for entries including everything from drawings to mixed media, crafts to photos is April 15 at local arts and crafts centers. Call Friedberg



Arts and Crafts at mil 324-3266.

### Hundertwasser exhibit

Work by German artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser are on display at the Romanisches Haus and Alte Synagoge in Gelnhausen daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. through May 29.

### Moby in Offenbach

Popster Moby and guests will perform at the Offenbach Stadthalle May 25 at 7 p.m. Pick up tickets at major ticket offices or by calling civ (069) 944 3660.

### In the theaters

Frankfurt's English Theater presents the comic satire "**Feelgood**" by Alistair Beaton April 5 to May 28. Performances are Tuesday to Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 6 p.m. in the theater on Kaiserstr. 34. Call civ (069) 2423 1620 for tickets. The KMC Onstage

(Kaiserslautern military community theater) presents the rock musical "**Godspell**" April 1 and 2 at 7 p.m., April 3 at 3 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door. Call mil 483-6626 for more information.

### Library Mystery Night

Wiesbaden, Dexheim and McCully Libraries bring the game of Clue to life with a Mystery Night April 15 at 6 p.m. at the Rheinlander Club in Dexheim. Cost is \$6 including food, fun and horror. Stop by any of the three libraries by April 8 to purchase a ticket.

### Story Hour

**Baumholder Library** holds a Preschool Story Hour every Thursday from 10-11:15 a.m. **Hanau's Pioneer Library** holds Preschool Story Hour every Thursday (except holidays) at 10 a.m.



# Sports and leisure



## Cheers for cheerleaders

The U.S. Forces Europe Youth Services Cheerleading Championships turned out a little differently than expected March 19 in Giessen's Miller Hall Fitness Center. With only a few teams able to attend due to deployments and other military commitments throughout Europe, competitors and spectators were treated to a cheerleading exhibition rather than a competition. But that didn't stop those present, including teams from the 284th and 414th BSBs, Galaxy Cheerleaders and Giessen Middle High School from putting on a whale of a show. Clockwise from above: Butzbach Minors perform, Galaxy Cheerleaders, the Hanau team and Galaxy Cheerleaders sign autographs for young fans.

Photos by Karl Weisel



## Hanau teams win YS bantam, junior crowns

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Two Hanau teams claimed top honors at the 104th Area Support Group's Youth Services Basketball Championships with the Junior team advancing to win the Installation Management Agency-Europe crown held March 11-13 in Mannheim.

"For me it was the climax of my career as the 414th Base Support Battalion's Youth Services Sports director," said Juan M. Herrera. "I've never had a team win the IMA-E championship. Last year they also were the ASG championship winners and placed at IMA-E."

Members of the YS bantam Golden Warriors, 10-12-year-old players coached by 1st Sgt. Douglas Padgett, ended the season after a perfect run and by claiming the ASG crown held March 5-6. Bantam teams do not advance to the IMA-E level.

"The team was well coached all the way from day one," said Herrera. "He was a very good coach teaching them the fundamentals and also unity and camaraderie."

"Coach Padgett took extra time to see the other teams play to plan his team's strategy

and to use players according to their skills," Herrera said. "Coach Padgett is a role model coach anyone would want to have in his or her sports program — the same as Katherine Riggins, coach of the Juniors. These two coaches are the best competitive coaches at their level."

"I had three goals starting out this year. I wanted to teach the kids the fundamentals and the basics, I wanted them to have fun and I wanted them to win," said Padgett, who was named Junior Coach of the Year by the National Basketball Association and Women's National Basketball Association for the 2003-2004 season.

"We just had a great group of kids who worked hard," he said. "They all worked together as a team. They just jelled."

Even though the members of the team were average size and "a couple of teams were faster, I just think our kids had the desire to excel," Padgett said.

Members of the winning bantam team included Nicholas Severino, Alex Williams, Brandon Harris, Christopher Harris, Chelsea Padgett, Zeton Jones, Phillip Moore, Krista Bye-Nagel, Morgan Holmes and Bruce Millsap II.

"I just want to thank each one of my players," said Riggins, who predicted at the start of the season that her team would go all the way to the IMA-E crown this year. "They're a special bunch of kids."

Riggins attributed the success of the team to the players' hard work and teamwork. "I told the kids they can't win with just a star on the team. If they worked as a team there was no one who could stop them."

The Hanau Juniors only lost one game during the regular season before making a clean sweep of the IMA-E championships and winning the final over Vogelweh, 35-31.

That first loss was a wake-up call, Riggins said. "We lost our first game against Giessen. They needed to feel defeat to learn to appreciate being winners."

"We were not a shooting team, but we overcame that with quickness," said Riggins, who after coaching YS for three years in Hanau was preparing to head back to the States with her family. "We had some of the best defense and our main offense was the fast break. Juan Agosto is one of the quickest kids I've ever seen."

Zayne Riggins was named Player of the Game at the IMA-E championship. Other outstanding members of the IMA-E championship Junior team were Zach Riggins, Latanya Wilson, Robert Young, Denzell Butler, Antonio Ford, Benjamin Biesendorfer, Kyle Turner, John Gonzales and Raphael Jackson.

Riggins said she got into coaching to "spend time with my kids and I wanted to stay active." After starting off coaching in Ansbach, she continued in Hanau. "There's no better way to spend time with your kids."

She praised the strong support she received from her fellow coaches Sgt. 1st Class Althea Basnight and Lt. Col. Julio Gonzales. "They took the pressure off me. We were just a great combination," she said.

"YS Sports thanks all of the coaches who contributed their time," added Herrera. "Without their help this program would be impossible." (Editor's note: See page 11 of this issue for coverage of a winning Baumholder Junior Bantam team at the Kaiserslautern Military Community Championships.)

